

REMARKS

This supplement to Amendment "E" is being submitted following a telephone interview between the undersigned counsel for the Applicants and Examiner Valenza on March 10, 2005. Examiner Valenza initiated the interview after reviewing Amendment "E".

In that interview, Examiner Valenza suggested amending the independent claims to relate the fact that it is the conveying speed that is dependent on the weight of the item, and each of independent claims 1 and 8 has been amended consistent with this suggestion.

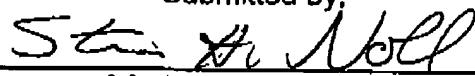
Additionally, in claim 8 as presented in Amendment "E" the insertion was added preceding the word "pan", whereas it should have been inserted after the word "pan". Claim 8 accordingly has been corrected by the present Amendment.

In the telephone interview, Examiner Valenza also noted that each of independent claims 1 and 8, as currently written, appear to indicate that the deactivation of the regulation of the conveying speed takes place for every item that is to be weighed, and the Examiner question whether this is correct. As explained in the present specification at pages 11 and 12, every postal item is weighed by deregulating the conveying speed during a time span during which a weight measurement of the postal item is made. This is indicated in Figure 5 and the accompanying explanation. In some instances, this weighing may produce a weight result that appears to be incorrect, in which case the reweighing sequence shown in Figure 6 takes place. Even when the reweighing sequence shown in Figure 6 occurs, it is still the case that a sequence as shown in Figure 5 has occurred first, and therefore it is correct to interpret claims 1 and 8 as meaning that every postal

item is weighed by deactivating regulation of the conveying speed during the aforementioned measuring time span.

In view of the agreements reached at the interview, all claims of the application are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

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